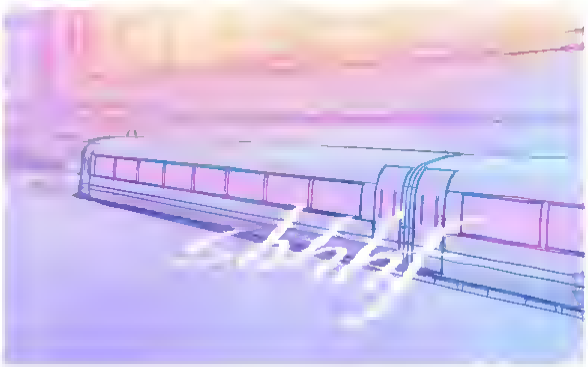


IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR
SINCE I LAST CAME HOME.

HOME.

DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO CALL A PLACE 'HOME' IF YOU DON'T LIVE THERE ANYMORE?

OR IF YOU KNOW THAT, VERY SOON, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE AGAIN?

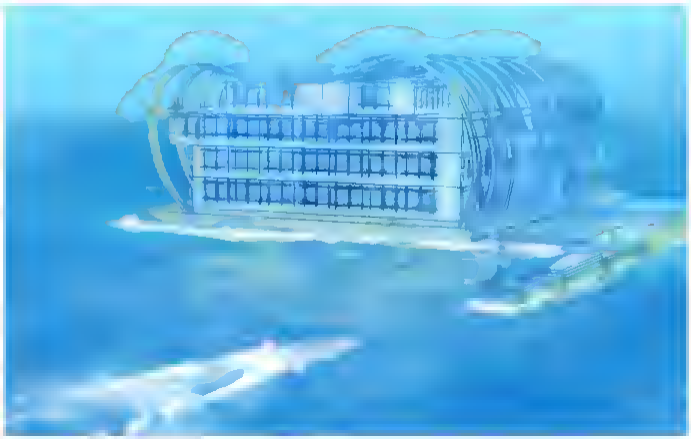
SUNATI!

MAMI

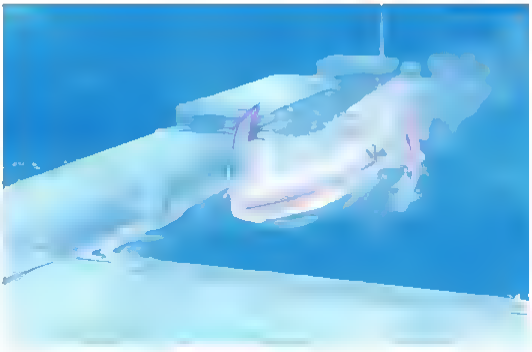
DADDY

# ALWAYS HUMAN

61 - the way you left it



THE OUTPOST HASN'T CHANGED MUCH SINCE I WAS LAST HERE.



THOUGH APPARENTLY THE SHARK LAB WILL BE REFURBISHED SOON?

DAD'S REALLY EXCITED.

OH. AND THEY'VE REMOVED THE RAILING AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

I SPENT HALF MY CHILDHOOD CLIMBING ON THOSE RAILS.

IT'S STRANGE FOR THEM TO JUST BE. . . GONE.

I GUESS THAT'S ANOTHER THING THAT'S CHANGED.

I SHOULD BE USED TO THIS.
I SHOULD BE USED TO UNFAMILIAR FACES.

BUT TO BE SURROUNDED BY SO MANY.
SO MANY PEOPLE I SHOULD KNOW BUT DON'T-

I NEED TO STOP MOPING.
I'M BEING A CHILD.

AH, IT'S SO NICE TO BE ON HOLIDAYS.
I'VE TURNED OFF WORK NOTIFICATIONS AND EVERYTHING
freedom!
NISA, LOOK WHAT LIVING IN THE CITY HAS DONE TO YOUR DAUGHTER, SHE'S ALL SMUG!
MY DAUGHTER? SHE GETS THAT FROM YOUR SIDE OF THE FAMILY.

THERE, THAT'S BETTER.

JUST THE WAY I LEFT IT, HUH?

THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE I PACKED ALL MY STUFF AWAY.

IT DIDN'T SEEM FAIR TO LEAVE MY ROOM A MESS.

AT LEAST IT STILL SMELLS THE WAY I REMEMBER IT.

THE OUTPOST ALWAYS SMELLS LIKE THE OCEAN.

OH, THIS IS IT.

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW,

I'M HOME.

Thank you for reading!

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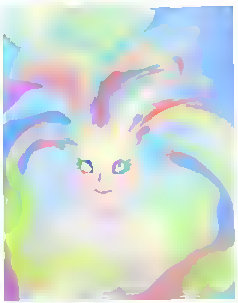

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